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- During the month of June 1949, 13,600 members of the Chinese People's Liberation Army arrived in North Korea from Manchuria to reinforce the North Korean military forces. The reinforcements were assigned to the following units:

2 Rifle Division at Nanam (129-41, 41-42)	4,000
"Field artillery unit" at Chuuronjang (129-36, 41-35)	2,400
"People's Army unit" in Sohojin (127-38, 39-50)	4,800
1 Rifle Division at Sariwon (125-44, 39-50)	800
Unidentified unit in Pyongyang	1,600
	<u>13,600</u>

- Another group of reinforcements from Manchuria is expected in July; a third group will arrive in August.
- On 27 June 1949 an estimated 5,000 Korean troops arrived in Pyongyang from an unknown origin. The troops were dressed in the uniform of the Chinese People's Liberation Army.
- By 1 July members of the Liberation Army were seen on the streets in uniforms identical to those of the North Korean People's Army. It is believed that the entire force changed to the uniform of the People's Army by 5 July 1949.
- The Chinese "government" will send a number of reinforcements to North Korea during the month of July 1949. These troops will be selected from the group of Koreans who are now serving with the Chinese People's Liberation Army. The number of Koreans who will arrive from Manchuria and China was not indicated.

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